

Remarks

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2007. A response to the Office Action is due on September 14, 2007, with extensions of time available. Applicant is filing this response with the 3-month shortened statutory period; therefore, no fees are believed due. If, however, the Director believes any fees are due by this paper, he is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from **Account No. 19-0365**.

Claims 61-85, 87-88, and 90-129 are pending in the application. Claims 1-60, 86, and 89 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 61 and 129 stand rejected. Claims 62-85, 90, and 112-126 are objected to as being allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim. Claims 87-88, 91-111, and 127 stand withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner because of the restriction requirement. Claim 128 has been amended only as to form and not in response to any rejection or objection. Claims 61 and 129 have been amended only as to form, or for the reasons discussed below. Support for each of the amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed, e.g., at least at pages 3-5. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

Request for Reconsideration, Rejoinder, and Allowance

Claim 61 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ivanova, V. M., et al., Monomery dlya Polikondensatssi, Tula Chemical Abstracts AN 1981:442578 (1979) for its disclosure of compound RN 78258-98-7.

Claim 129 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Malichenko, B.F., et al., 1975:409408 (1975), for its disclosure of the compound RN 55709-49-4. No other grounds of rejection are pending.

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's extension of search and consideration of the entire scope of claim 61.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the outstanding rejections and objections is moot in view of the amendments to claims 61 and 129, respectively, and that the entire scope of each of these claims is free of the prior art. Moreover, Applications respectfully point out that claims 62-85, 87-88, 90-127 depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of claim 61 and any intervening claims, and that independent claims 61 and 128-129 are free of the prior art. There being no remaining grounds for rejection or objection, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to rejoin of all previously withdrawn claims and portions of claims, MPEP § 821.04, and to allow all of the pending claims to issue.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic conversation would advance prosecution, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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